

## Activities Of Society

By JEAN ELIOT.

THERE was an international representation at the second day of the national lawn tennis tournament at Newport Casino yesterday. Representing Russia was Mrs. Bakmeteff, wife of the Russian ambassador, and Mrs. Melnikoff and Boris Yonine, of the embassy staff. Lady Catherine Decies, Mrs. William Beraford, and Mrs. Arthur and Lady Herbert were present as representatives of England, and Countess de San Esteban, wife of the secretary of the Spanish embassy, representing Spain.

The last of the morning chamber details which have been so popular at Bar Harbor, Me., this season, was held yesterday morning at Ellsworth, the residence of Mrs. Henry F. Dimmock.

Miss Margaret Perin, daughter of Mrs. George Howard, who is spending the summer at Manchester-by-the-sea, was the guest of Mrs. E. H. G. Slater, at the Newport Casino yesterday for the tennis tournament.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry D. Fry have returned to their home in Nineteenth street, after spending the summer on Long Island.

Lieut. Com. Charles T. Hutchins, U. S. N., has been detailed as naval attaché to the American legation at Peking, the first time that such a position has been filled in our legation to China. Lieutenant Commander Mrs. Hutchins will leave Washington August 28.

Senator and Mrs. Francis Warren have gone to their ranch in Wyoming for a stay of some weeks.

Mrs. William Haywood has returned to Washington after a two-months visit to White Sulphur Springs. Miss Doris Haywood is visiting Mrs. Arthur Lee at Elkins, W. Va., and will join her mother later.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Dement announce the marriage of their daughter, Gladys Elizabeth, to C. Reginald Smith on August 24 in the Chapel of the Girls' Friendly Society Holiday house at Sandy Spring, Md. The Rev. Henry Marsden performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. George Herman Zellars announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Nellie E. Zellars, to Dr. Herman G. A. Brauer, director of the bureau of legislative and municipal research, at the University of Washington, on August 24. The marriage was performed by the Rev. Edwin M. Hill, of the Mt. Pleasant Congregational Church, at the home of the bride's parents in Center street, at 6 o'clock.

Immediately after the ceremony, Prof. and Mrs. Brauer left Washington for their future home in Seattle.

Miss Etta Fearing, of Norfolk, Va., is spending a few days with her uncle, Dr. Joseph B. Bogan.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Strasburger are spending the week at Lake George and its environs in connection with a three-week motor trip.

Mrs. J. T. Klawns, who spent the last several weeks at Braddock Heights, Md., and joined her daughter, Miss Helene Klawns, at Mt. Joy, Pa., a few days ago, has returned to Washington.

Miss Irene Noy, who has been visiting Mrs. Milton Noy, at Braddock Heights, Md., is now visiting in Washington for a few days before returning to her home in Harrisonburg, Va.

Miss Jennie Sanger spent the week-end with Mrs. Reuben Ottenheimer, of Baltimore.

The American minister to Sweden, Ira Nelson Morris, and his family have arrived in Stockholm, and are established at the Legation there.

Miss Emily Tuckerman, who has been visiting at Bar Harbor, will return on Friday to her cottage at Lenox. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tuckerman, who have been occupying her house, left yesterday for Southampton, L. I.

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## A NEWPORT VISITOR



MISS MARGARET PERIN.

Sharp will not present his credentials and be formally invested as ambassador until he feels able to handle a situation rendered extremely difficult by the European situation, and the fact that the United States is caring for the diplomatic interests of Germany and Austria, as well as her own.

Mrs. Elmer Black, of Washington and New York, is planning to spend the autumn in the Adirondacks.

Dr. F. Fremont Smith entertained at dinner Monday evening at Bar Harbor, when his guests were Dr. John S. Thacher, Dr. Robert Abbe, Dr. Alexander Biddle, Dr. James F. Mitchell, Dr. Harold Williams, Dr. Nathaniel Gildersleeve, Dr. John Frazier, Dr. William Polk, Dr. Robert G. Lecoute, Gen. Horace Porter, and Charles C. Glover.

Gen. Horace Porter was among the dinner hosts last evening at his Bar Harbor home.

Dr. W. L. Masterson, of Stoneleigh Court, has returned to Washington from visits in New York, Boston, and Long Island.

Smelter Owners Asked To Bid on More Silver

Director of the Mint Roberts today asked the smelter owners of the United States to submit to the Treasury Department tomorrow tenders for supplying the Government with 200,000 ounces of silver suitable for coinage purposes, to be delivered at the San Francisco mint within a month.

The decision to purchase this silver, in addition to the 1,171,000 ounces recently bought by the Government, indicates that the threatened closing down of the silver mines has been averted, as these purchases will tide over the mines and smelters until the smelted bill, providing for the purchase of 15,000,000 ounces of silver in the next six months, can be acted upon. This bill has passed the Senate and is pending in the House.

Western members of Congress who urged the Treasury Department to action to avert the closing of the mines and smelters when the war situation closed the silver markets, believe that the Government's decision to the silver industry has passed, and that by the time the temporary purchases made are made are used up, there will be a regular market for silver restored.

Already they have been advised that smelters are making direct purchases of silver from the mines and have abolished the plan of making advances of only 25 per cent on silver purchases.

Escaped Prisoner Gets "Come-Back" at Captor

PARIS, Aug. 13.—(By mail to New York)—Having been arrested by the Germans, Hansi, the Alsatian caricaturist, escaped and fled to France to avoid imprisonment, and joined a French regiment as an interpreter.

The German officer who had caused his arrest was the first prisoner brought before him. The officer complained of the treatment he had received and Hansi replied:

"It was certainly better than you gave me at Colmar."

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## How the Farm Wife Views Her Problem

Flora McDonald Thompson Conducts Symposium on Need of Bureau of Woman Labor—Pity Not Needed, But Efficiency and Justice Are, She Declares.

How the farm woman herself views her own problem is discussed in the last of a series by Mrs. Flora McDonald Thompson today in urging a bureau of women labor.

The crux of the whole problem, she asserts is to elevate the work of women, whether paid or unpaid, to a definite role in the economic concert of the world's production of wealth.

It is not pity the farm woman needs. She refuses to be considered a sad victim of America agriculture. But efficiency and social justice are needed, and can only be secured by a determination of the economic value of the housewife's unremunerated labor.

Mrs. Thompson's personal researches have brought some interesting replies from farm women, and these replies are herein quoted.

By FLORA McDONALD THOMPSON.

The Department of Agriculture and its chief has probably a clearer vision than any authority anywhere in the United States as to where the real woman labor problem is located. But these department officials do not see it in all its particulars, however, and they have attacked it much as they would a clear vision of the problem has been attacked in the United States. That is, they regard women at work on the farm as the "weaker vessel" in agricultural production; they have the chivalrous American notion of being thoughtful of the ladies, which always animates reform on behalf of the wage-earning women of the United States. They should study the problem of farm women relative to efficiency and social justice. At present they are mainly concerned with kindly teaching women what to do with the left-overs. In the chapter on "Efficiency," in the 1913 Year Book, the only line that can be construed as possibly referring to the contribution-plus or minus—which women make to successful agricultural enterprises is the following:

"Many other factors of efficiency exist, but they are not here dealt with for lack of sufficient data."

Perhaps this data will be forthcoming when the Department of Agriculture has had time to analyze the replies to 55,000 letters which the department sent to farm women to ascertain the conditions in which they "desire assistance."

I should have more hope of this had I not myself directed a similar survey to farm women in connection with the studies I have made of woman's relation to work.

I circulated widely among farm women the following query bearing directly on the notion I have that the real problem of women on the farm is to make farming pay women:

"In your opinion, what do the farm women in your community need most to make farm life profitable to women?"

What, if anything, has been accomplished to better their situation? To that end, in particular, is the contribution by the family, by labor-saving devices, by social and educational movements, by the churches?"

Here Are the Replies.

Replies came promptly. Not one woman mentioned the church as having any least connection with her problem, none referred to the family as affecting one way or another the problem before her. Not one spoke of the bearing and rearing of children as being among the farm woman's concerns in life; few apparently had any grasp of the idea of making their work on the farm profitable, being satisfied if it were enduring. All of which goes to show, as Secretary Houston's inquiry doubtless will prove again, that self-knowledge, the highest acquisition of the philosopher and the saint, is naturally lacking to the average farm woman.

But from many quarters, in no uncertain terms, I have got this assurance:

American farm women do not want to be pitied. They refuse to be considered the and victims of American agriculture.

One woman in Kansas wrote: "What is done for farm women must be done for farm men."

Some Other Benefits.

From all sources come testimony of the benefits reaped by farm women.

## LOCAL MENTION.

F. F. V. Lurch, 1008 Pa. Ave., is giving patrons tickets Virginia Thea. That's all.

## What's in Name? Read Them

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 25.—That there isn't so much to a name after all is shown here today by the following signatures appended to the initiative petition to place a measure providing State-wide prohibition on the ballot at the November election: Ethelwyn Casebeer, Thomas Beers, Ada Ruml, Lenora Sourwine, Francis A. Henry Vermouth, E. Elizabeth Boose, Charles Fickie, Carl Gusler, and T. C. Staw.

en from agricultural colleges, the extension work of these colleges, from farmers' institutes, and from the grange.

The sore spots in the lives of farmers' wives are variously set forth. Common to all is lack of efficient help and of suitable equipment.

"The servant problem is the greatest one that we have."

"Many have good and moderately convenient houses, but many houses should have water piped into them and water boilers with the ranges."

"In this State housework on the farm does not keep pace with modern facilities for farming. There are too few modern labor-saving appliances in use, and there is too little attention paid to hygiene and dietetics."

"One of the greatest needs here is proper equipment for the work women do in the home. The housewife is not peculiar to the farmer's wife. It is common to all women."

"If there were good strong girls willing to do general housework, I think that the greatest burden of farm women in these parts could be lifted."

Although the query put to these women bore explicitly on how to make farm life profitable to women, the reply of only one definitely mentioned money matters.

"I would say that farmers' wives need more than anything else to have an interest in farm finance. Girls should be taught as well as the boys the worth of the dollar. They should be helped in the spending of each dollar in the providing of clothing and food for them, so that when they start out on their own lives they will know the value of the dollar. If the woman is reared to do this and the man understands how to keep books, to know the debit and credit of his farm from month to month, and year to year, and to allow the woman to save or spend as she sees fit, I believe that one of the most difficult problems will be solved."

"Farmers' wives' work is never done, and about all they get in remuneration is their board and keep—and sometimes pretty poor keep."

A woman writing from Honolulu has in view the opportunity which farm life affords women to engage in "unfeminine" pursuits and to get away from the family and the home.

"As the farmer's wife needs neighbors to foster the best mental and social development, so for any product of her industry and thought she needs communication with a market which can be reached without paying almost the full value of her product for transportation."

"Water is the only local market of any moment, and transportation from any outlying district by the one railroad of the island added to the middleman's commission, leaves little to the producer, and about all they get in remuneration is their board and keep—and sometimes pretty poor keep."

The body of William M. Simcox, who died in Washington of tubercular meningitis yesterday, will be brought here tomorrow afternoon by the Methodist Protestant Cemetery.

State-wide prohibition will be urged at a meeting under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League at the opera house tomorrow night. The Rev. Percy A. Baker, D. D., of Westerville, Ohio, national superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, will be the speaker.

Newsboys Imitate Rainey; Hunt 'Lions' With Lassoes

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That rest will be plain sailing. But the Agricultural Department, and scarcely hope adequately to fulfill its mission toward farm women without the co-operation of a bureau of woman labor. The United States Department of Labor, for the problem of farm women, after all, only an incidental feature of the whole labor problem of women in the United States, and the crux of that problem is this—to elevate the work of women, whether paid or unpaid, to a definite role in the economic concert of the world's production of wealth.

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## ALEXANDRIA WILL USE LEASED SCHOOL

Old Peabody Building Will Furnish Accommodations for 150 Children.

ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 25.—Pending the completion of the new high school building, 150 pupils of the Alexandria public schools will be quartered during the next year in the old Peabody building at the corner of King and Alfred streets.

At a special meeting of the school board last night, it was voted to lease the building. A large increase in the enrollment in the public schools is expected when the session opens next month. The increase will be due to the improved curriculum in the high school, which is said to be keeping the pupils in the schools for longer periods, and by the lowering of the age limit for entrance into the schools from seven to six years.

Three additional teachers will be required to take care of the new classes and the increased cost to the city will be several thousand dollars per annum. The schools open on September 14.

The typhoid fever situation is improving according to the statement of Dr. A. W. Waddell, of the Virginia State board of health. No new cases have been reported in the last forty-eight hours and there have been no further deaths.

The work of improving the sanitary conditions of the city is continuing unabated and Mayor Fisher has instructed the police to see that the health laws are strictly enforced. Dr. A. W. Waddell, assistant commissioner of the State board of health, is expected to arrive in Alexandria to assist the local officers in their work. Pending the arrival of Dr. Freeman, and some additional investigations, which he desires to make in the suburbs, Dr. Waddell has not completed his report.

There has been a heavy demand for artesian water on account of the reported pollution of the city water, and the Mutual Ice Company, which has a large well, has offered to furnish water free to all persons who will send to their plant for it.

A solemn requiem mass was said at St. Mary's Catholic Church this morning at 9 o'clock for the late Pope Pius X. Despite the heavy rain, the church was crowded. The Rev. H. J. Cutler, rector of the church, was the celebrant. Father Cutler preached a sermon on the life of the Pope, in which he told of the great good accomplished by the Pope's reign, and the body of the Pope was placed in the church and draped in black.

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## Anacostia, Rockville

## ANACOSTIA.

Anacostia citizens will be given an opportunity to present their complaints in reference to the street car service on the Anacostia line before the Utilities Commission on September 3. A number of complaints have been made, principally concerning the schedule operating by way of the Union Station, and it is said that cars are as far as fifteen minutes apart on this route. The Citizens' Association caused a complete record to be obtained of the schedule on this line, and with this they will endeavor to show need for better service.

Mrs. S. M. Frazier returned to her home in Maple View avenue yesterday from an extended trip.

Anacostia Council, No. 15, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, last evening accepted an invitation to attend a service on Sunday evening, September 4, at the Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church, where the Rev. Dr. N. B. North, former pastor of this church, and a member of the Junior Order, will make an address. Further plans